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ALMANAC FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1874.

Being a Common Year of 365 Days.				
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(b) Saturn is, on the 25th, in conjunction with the Sun, and cannot be seen.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 2d day, 2 o'clock, 2 min. Afternoon.

Last Quarter, 10th " 2 " 54 " Afternoon.

New Moon, 18th " 3 " 0 " Morning.

First Quarter, 24th " 7 " 41 " Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, changeable; 2, 3, snow; 4, 5, 6, clear; 7, 8, 9, mild; 10, 11, cloudy, with snow; 12, 13, 14, N. W. cold; 15, 16, 17, variable; 18, 19, rain and snow; 20, 21, clear, cold; 22, snow; 23, 24, 25, N. W. cold; 26, 27, variable; 28, 29, rain and snow; 30, 31, cold.



NEW YEAR.

Shooting, drumming, fantastical processions, and the like, are very much out of place. Gladness is right, and cheerfulness; but not such absurdities.

WHY GO SO FAR FROM HOME?

"Why shall we send missionaries, money, and Bibles to the heathen across the ocean, when we have millions in our own land who are not Christians?"

So some ask, and the question puzzles many. We answer it thus:

1. What right have we to keep the Gospel from Asia, Africa, Japan, &c., until all in America are converted? Never will this be. To the end of the world there will be among us many wicked and unbelieving men.

2. The Apostles did not wait until all in Jerusalem and Palestine had become Christians, before they carried the Gospel into Asia Minor.

No. The idea of Missions, from the time of our Lord until now, has been this: Plant the Church here and there, in central places, as a leavening power. Only thus can the whole world be made to hear the Gospel.

To wait until every one had become a Christian, would be to kill all Mission work. If our European fathers had acted on this principle, where would we now be?

OUR BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It was elected by the General Synod at Cincinnati, in December, 1872, and met in Harrisburg, Pa., in April, 1873. It organized by electing Rev. T. S. Johnston, D. D., President; Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D., Vice President; and Rev. F. W. Kremer, D.D., Secretary.

After adopting a Constitution, and making provision for incorporation, it passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Board, Japan presents the most promising field for missionary effort on our part, and we, therefore, instruct the Executive Committee to obtain the information necessary to enable us to make an intelligent selection of a base of operations.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee take immediate steps to secure suitable persons to engage in the missionary work.

In another part of the Almanac will be found

some important facts in regard to Japan.

Now that we have again taken up a work so long neglected by us, let our congregations and Sunday-Schools take a deep interest in it. May God direct and bless our work!

DAILY DUTY.

"Each day its duty brings. The undone task
Of yesterday cannot be now fulfilled
Without some current work's displacement. 'Time
And tide will wait for none.' Then let us act
So that they need not wait, and keep abreast
With them by the discharge of each day's claim;
For each new dawn, like a prolific tree,
Blossoms with blessings and with duties, which
So interwoven grow that he who shirks
The latter fails the first. Ye cannot pick
The dainty, and refuse the task. To win
The smile of Him who did his Father's will
In the great work assigned Him, while 'twas day,
With love self-sacrificing, His high course
We must with prayerful footsteps imitate;
And, knowing not what one day may bring forth,
Live so that Death, come when he may, shall find
Us not defaulters in arrears with Time—
Mourning, like Titus, 'I have lost a day!—
But busily engaged on something which
Shall cast a blessing on the world; rebound
With one to our own breast, and tend to give
To man some benefit, to God some praise."

Do you like our title-page? It gives food for study. Above is the Bible, and the Lamb of God; below, the anchor of hope, and the dove as the emblem of the Spirit; between, the baptismal font and the communion service.

(?) Venus is Morning Star till the 23d of February, 8 o'clock, 21 min. in the Morning; then Evening Star till the 9th of December, 12 o'clock. 42 min. in the Morning; then again Morning Star to the end of the year

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 1st day, 6 o'clock, 34 min. Morning.
Last Quarter, 9th "11" 27" Forencon.
New Moon, 16th "2" 13" Afternoon.
First Quarter, 23d "5" 44" Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, coldest days; 4, 5, snow; 6, 7, 8, 9, N. W. cold; 10, 11, 12, moderate; 13, cloudy; 14, 15, 16, rain and snow; 17, 18, clear; 19, 20, variable; 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, fair; 25, 26, 27, rain; 28, cold.

REFORMED ALMA-NACS.

1. The only Almanac of our Church, for a number of years, was the German, published at Cleveland, Ohic. 2. In 1864 the Eastern Board of Publication published the first one of this English series.
3. In 1872 the same Board published a German Almanac.
4. In 1873 the Western Board of Publication published their first English one.

Almanacs are published also by the Lutheran Church, Episcopal, United Brethren, Methodist, Roman Catholic, and a few other Churches.

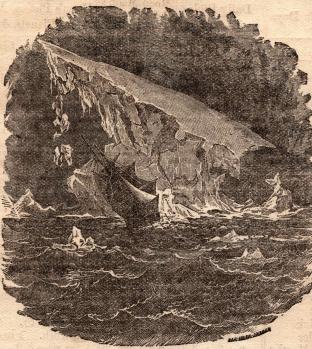
In this way a vast amount of information in regard to the work and condition of the Church may be spread before the people. The Almanac may be studied with great profit.

GIVE THEM RIGHT NAMES.

At baptism, the minister says, "Name the child." On no account allow yourself to say Frank, Kate, Sallie, Harry, &c. These shortened forms may do for daily use; but let the baptismal name of the child be full, correct, and proper. "Oh," you say, "Catharine, Henry, &c., sounds so old and odd for a child." But your child will not always be a child; and you are naming him not for childhood but for his whole life.

OUT OF THE OLD RUTS.

Some are afraid of any change. They want to keep in the old ruts; but these often get too deep, and make the way very rough. Better turn out a little. Keep in the old road, but you may have several tracks in it.



WEARING MOURN-ING.

This custom, almost sacred from long use, is deeply-rooted in the life of our people. It may sound harsh to call it a foolish custom, but consider these three things:—

things:—
1. Why do only females wear black? Do others not mourn? Or, if a little crape on the man's hat is enough, why is not a little crape on the woman's bonnet a proper token of respect?

2. Why is black worn for just twelve months? Does sorrow then cease? Does it always last even so long?

3. See how the poor often wrong both themselves and others by casting aside former clothing, and trying to show respect for their dead by wearing black, lest they may be thought heartless!

A little reflection on the subject will at least do no harm.

THE LORD'S BUSINESS.

The business of the congregation is often very badly managed. Much is left quite undone. Much is carelessly done. Much is over-done. Officers should recollect that they are under oath for the faithful discharge of their duties; but, besides this, gratitude to God, and holy zeal for His cause should make them faithful. Let the Lord's business be done just as man's business is done, namely, on correct business principles, promptly, and carefully.

907 Arch Street, Philadelphia (instead of 54 North Sixth) is the new home of our Publication Board.

Weeks and Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible R&S Place. h. m. 3. 0. Moon's Phases, Aspects sl. rises n. h. m. h	Sun O sets Sty	
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12] 5th Sunday in Lent,	John 8: 46-59; Heb. 9: 11-15. Day's Length, 12 hours,		
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13] Palm Sunday, John 12: 1-16; Phil. 2: 5-11. Day's Length, 12 hours, 24 min.			
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(2) Jupiter is the 17th in opposition with the Sun, nearest to the earth, and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.

 Full Moon,
 3d day,
 12 o'clock,
 20 min.
 Morning.

 Last Quarter,
 11th " 4 " 32 " Morning.

 New Moon,
 18th " 12 " 1 " Morning.

 First Quarter,
 24th " 5 " 30 " Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER

1, 2, 3, cold; 4, 5, 6, rain and snow; 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, windy, cold; 11, 12, mild; 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, 17, clear; 18, 19, stormy, rainy; 20, 21, 22, variable; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, rain; 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, pleasant weather.



Dr. F. A. RAUCH, First President of Marshall College, Born July 27th, 1806.—Died March 2d, 1841, Aged 34 yrs., 7 mos., and 6 days.

OUR GROWTH.

The following extract from the Report on the State of the Church, adopted by the General Synod at Cincinnati, shows the growth of our Church for three years, from Nov., 1869, to Nov., 1872:

"The number of ministers has grown from 526 to 586, a net increase of 60; the congregations from 1179 to 1312, an increase of 133; the membership from 117,910 to 130,299, an increase of 12,389; the additions by certificate and confirmation from 28,962 to 32,809, an increase of 3,847; and the contributions from \$228,817.94, the sum total for the three years ending with November, 1869, to \$247,386.12, the sum total for the three years which have just ended, the increase being \$18,568.18."

WHILE pastors are looking after the lost sheep outside of the Church, let them not neglect the lost who are within!

CHURCH STATISTICS.

The census of 1870 gives us 38,000,000 of a population; 63,000 churches, accommodating about 21,000,000; all church property valued at \$360,000,000. (Besides this, there are in the Territories and the District of Columbia 560 churches, accommodating 269,500, and church property valued at about \$5,000,000.)

The following table is valuable, showing the increase of church buildings in the different denominations, from 1850-60-70:

		-Churches	
Denomination.	1870.	1860.	1850.
Methodist	21,347	19,883	13,302
Baptist		12,150	9,563
Presbyterian		6,406	4,858
Catholic		2,550	1,222
Christian		2,068	875
Lutheran		2,128	1,231
Congregational		2,234	2,725
Episcopal		2,145	1,459
German Reformed		676	341
Friends	662	726	726
Universalist	602	664	530
Unitarian		264	245
Mormon		24	16
Jewish	152	77	36

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

The Reformed Church in the United States has, under the General Synod (1873), 5 District Synods, 35 Classes, 595 ministers, 1331 congregations, 132, 195 confirmed members, 76,133 unconfirmed members, 1,044 Sunday Schools, and 64,588 S.S. scholars. The amount contributed for strictly benevolent purposes was: in 1870, \$94,019.90; in 1871, \$66, 715.02; in 1872, \$86,651.58. Total in three years, \$247,386.50. In 1873, \$91,427.19.

THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AUSTRIA.

It numbers 4,000,000 members. For many years these people were oppressed and hindered by laws and regulations, which altogether favored the Roman Catholic Church; but now these Reformed people are fully free, and our Church there will prosper.

TRIBUTES OF RESPECT.

What wonderful specimens of theological judgment you find in many of these documents! They set the man right into the kingdom above, although he perhaps mocked at the kingdom below!

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15] 1st Sunday after Easter,	John 20: 19-31		
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Monday 20 John Bugenhag	" 8: 1–30	11 30 M 21 O enters 8 15 20	6 40 8
Tuesday 21 Anselm of Cant.	" 8: 31–59	morn. 4 h rises 1 50 6 1 5 19	6 41 9
Wednesday 22 Origen	" 9:		6 42 10
Thursday 23 Adalbert	" 10:	1 12 28 23. Rigel sets 9 33 2 5 17	6 43 11
Friday 24 Wilfrid	" 11:	1 54 10 Spica south 11 10 2 5 16 2 26 22 Orion sets 10 1 2 5 15	6 44 12
Saturday 25 Mark, Evang.	" 12:	2 26 22 Orion sets 10 1 25 15	6. 45 13
17] 3d Sunday after Easter, John 16: 16-23; 1 Peter 2: 11-20. Day's Length, 13 hours, 32 min.			
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Sunday 26 Trudpert	John 13: 14:		6 46 14
Monday 27 Otto Catelin	" 15:		6 48 15
Tuesday 28 Fred. Myconius	" 16: 17:		7 49 16
Wednesday 29 L. von Berquin	" 18:		6 50 17
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MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 1st day, 6 o'clock, 18 min. Evening.

Last Quarter, 9th " 5 " 19 " Evening.

New Moon, 16th " 8 " 51 " Morning.

First Quarter, 23d " 7 " 2 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, variable; 2, 3, 4, rain; 5, 6, 7, N. W. wind; 8, 9, 10, rain; 11, 12, 13, pleasant; 14, 15, 16, thunder showers; 17, 18, 19, variable; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, 28, warm; 20, 30, thunder showers.

WHAT SPOILS THE CALCULATIONS?

In the Eastern and Potomac Synods, there are about 80,000 members, under about 280 pastors. When money is to be raised, say \$20,-000, the calculation is made thus: "If each member gives only twenty-five cents, and each can do that, the amount will come in." Then a circular is sent to each pastor, stating the object and amount, and asking him to give his people an opportunity to give. But if 200 of these 280 pastors throw the circular into the waste-basket, will the money be raised?

Of course, the calculation fails, and many good people are discouraged. Was the calculation bad or unfair? What, then,

spoiled it?

Is it not really an easy matter for a church of 80,000 members to raise in one year \$80,000 for a special object, say the College or Seminary of the Church? The failure lies not in the calculation, but in its application. Hundreds of pastors never try to do their part; while an equal number only half try. (See, for example, the "Dollar Endow-ment Scheme" for Franklin and Marshall College, which yielded less than \$20,000, instead of \$100,000!)

The only fair and successful way to get money for church work is to reach every member. The small amounts of the poor will show well beside the large gifts of the rich. It is a matter of plain history and figures, that nearly all the benevolent institutions of the country are mainly supported by the poor. No class of people give more cheerfully, and we sin by passing them by.

What, then, spoils a good calculation? Neglect-



MAKING EXCUSES.

Many people neglect their duties, and then give this and that excuse — roads, weather, health, loss of sleep, distance, - any but the right and true one! Thus they are lying to the Holy Ghost. If you doubt it, read Acts 5: 1-11. What a fearful sin! How shameful for a Christian to keep back the real reason, and give a lie! How much better to confess a sin than to excuse or justify it!

A NEW HYMN BOOK.

We need one, badly; but it will not be easy for our old and middleaged people to give up

the old one that has been in use for forty years. Much in the old one should be left out, and much that is out should be in it. Accordingly, the late General Synod at Cincinnati appointed a Committee (Revs. Dr. E. E. Higbee, D. Van Horne, Dr. James Bossard, Dr. Geo. B. Russell, Dr. Benj. Bausman, and Elders L. H. Steiner, M. D., and Benj. Kuhns) to engage in the work of preparing a new Hymn Book, and to report to the General Synod in 1875,

HEAVY FIGURES.

From May, 1872, to May, 1873, the Presbyterian Church raised \$1,350,000 for church work, and proposes to raise even more during the next year, to be appropriated as follows:

Foreign Missions	\$600,000
Home "	352,500
Sustentation	82,500
Education	105.000
Church Erection	120,000
Freedmen	75 000
Publication	75,000
Ministerial Relief	90,000

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Weeks and Remarkable Days. Daily Bible Moon	Moon's Phases, Aspects s. Sun Sun O fs. rises sets
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18] 4th Sunday after Easter, John 16: 5-15; Jan	mes 1: 6-21. Day's Length, 13 hours, 50 min.
Sunday 3 Monica Heb. 1: 2: 8 4	6 4 3 6 9 8. 24 South 8 50 3 5 5 6 55 21
Monday 4 Florian " 3: 4: 9 3:	
Tuesday 5 Fred. the Wise 5:6: 10 2	29 Sirius sets 8 53 U 35 36 57 23 14 Orion sets 9 18 U 35 26 58 24
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Thursday 28 Lanfranc Rom. 6: 19-7: 2 5	8
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New Moon, 15th " 5 " 15 " Afternoon.	clear; 12, 13, thunder showers; 14, 15, fair; 16, 17, cloudy; 18, thunder showers; 19, 20, 21, variable; 22, 23, 24, 25,
First Quarter, 22d " 10 " 17 " Evening. Full Moon, 31st " 1 " 45 " Morning.	warm; 26, thunder; 27, 28, 29, rain; 30, 31, clear.
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A CHAPTER ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

I.

WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING.

1.) The Methodist Church: Has more than two hundred missionaries in Africa, China, South America, India, Italy, and elsewhere. Lately \$10,000 were devoted to the tribes in inner Africa, brought to notice by Dr. Livingstone.

2.) The Baptist Church: Fifty years ago its Board reported one mission, one missionary, and one convert (a Burman). Now they have 13 missionaries, 1,800 stations, 750 churches, and 50,000 converts, (4,000 in 1870!)—in Africa, China, Japan, Greece, &c.

In Jamaica, West Indies, they have 110 congregations, (all self-sustaining), 14,000 children in Sunday-School, 6,000 in day school, and 2,300 in training for teachers and ministers! The American Baptist Home Mission Society supports 400 missionaries, at an outlay of \$195,000.

3.) The Presbyterian Church: In 1872 devoted \$450,000 to Foreign Missions, in South America, India, China, Persia, Japan, Africa, &c. It also has five Presbyteries on our Pacific coast.

4.) The Episcopal Church: In 1872 gave \$110,000 to Foreign Missions.

5.) The Moravian Church: Annually devotes from \$80,000 to \$100,000 to Foreign Missions, scattered over Greenland, the West Indies, Australia, South Africa, and our Indian Territories. They have in the United States and Europe, only 15,000 communicant members, but 20,000 in their Foreign Mission Stations! What a noble record!

6.) The Reformed (Dutch) Church: Has twelve mission stations and sixteen missionaries in China, India and Japan, with 1,220 communicants. In 1872 \$65,000 were devoted to Foreign Missions.

7.) The United Brethren Church has six missionaries in the Foreign work; and the Lutheran has five.

8.) The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions: With about \$437,000 supports missions in Africa, Turkey, China, Japan, Hawaiian Islands, Austria, Spain, Mexico, and our Indian Territories.

9.) In England, the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," with a yearly income of about \$450,000, supports 147 missionaries. The "Church Missionary Society" has over 200 missionaries, at a cost of over \$600,000!

The "London Missionary Society" has over 150 missionaries, and pays out \$500,000 yearly. The "Baptist Missionary Society" operates in India, Ceylon, China, Africa, and West Indies, on an income of about \$130,000. The "Wesleyan Missionary Society," founded by John Wesley, expends \$650,000 on 400 missionaries and native clergy.

Summing up the whole matter (very much of which is omitted for want of space), there are 1,300,000 converts, 2,276 Protestant Missionaries and native clergy, supported by alms amounting to over \$5,000,000! To this may be added 700,000 converts, and \$1,000,000 of the Roman Catholic Church.

These things are here set down, not to glorify others, much less to expose our own shame, but only in order that our ministers and people may carefully study the lesson thus taught by the contrast which follows. If we have been idle, let us at least not mock at those who have been so active in the Master's work.

Weeks and Days.	Days. Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon Moon's R&S Place. h. m. 3. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspect of Planets, &c.	s Sun Sun O fs. rises sets sets m. h. m. h. m.
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24] 2d Sunday after Trin			13-24. Day's Length,	
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26] 4th Sunday after Tri		42; Rom. 8: 18	The state of the s	14 hours, 50 min.
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MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 7th day, 8 o'clock, 16 min. Morning.

New Moon, 14th " 1 " 15 " Morning.

First Quarter, 21st " 3 " 0 " Afternoon.

Full Moon, 29th " 1 " 45 " Afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, variable; 5, 6, 7, fair; 8, 9, thunder showers; 10, 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, warm; 15, 16, 17, thunder; 18, 19, 20, clear; 21, 22, warm; 23, thunder showers; 24, 25, 26, clear; 27, cloudy; 28, 29, 30, warm.

II.

WHAT WE ARE DOING.

Our new Board of Foreign Missions was organized only in April, 1873. It has a few thousand dollars on hand, received from the old Board, but will from this time forward need the aid of Sundayschools and congregations. It is looking to Japan as the most favorable field for us. For fifteen years we have done almost nothing for Foreign Missions; let us now earnestly carry forward this interesting work. While other Churches, of almost every name and strength, have been active here, we have been idle. May God forgive us!

Perhaps our neglect of Foreign Missions

might not be so blameworthy, if we had done a great work in the Home field; but alas! here also we must smite upon our breasts and say, "We have sinned." For several years our Home Mission work has dragged—terribly. No matter why; the fact is plain and confessed, and with this alone we have to do.

III.

WHAT THE LORD IS DOING.

He is preparing the nations to receive the Gospel. Most wonderfully He is opening the way. Not only are Chinese and others brought to our very doors, but by means of railroads and other communications, China, Japan, Europe, Asia, and Africa are brought near us. The ocean trip from San Francisco to Yokohama is only sixteen days!

Learned Commissions of Japanese have carried back from the United States to their own country favorable notions of our laws, customs, manufac-



tures, and religion, and the Japanese are changing all their national ways. A large portion of the middle and upper classes dress in our costume, and government officers must do so. They have stages, steamers, telegraphs, and a railroad. They use foreign machinery, and sell foreign goods. Beef, the abomination of Buddhism, is largely consumed. A foreign college in Yeddo has hundreds of boys studying English, French, and German. Eight foreign physicians teach in medical colleges. Several newspapers are published, and a large quantity of English and French books are imported. They have a post-office system. Marriage has been exalted and protected. A great

educational system has been adopted, and English text-books are largely imported. They now use our calendar of days and months, and every seventh day is a day of rest (their many heathen holidays having been abolished). Besides all this, the Government has revoked the decree which had for several hundred years been in force against Christianity, and has now fully opened its doors to Christian missionaries. "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

The Chinese Government is more slowly doing the same thing. In 1842 the English treaty with China opened five ports to foreigners. Immediately missionaries were sent from Europe and America. In 1845 the Emperor abolished the death-penalty for professing Christianity. Now missionaries may live in seventeen leading Chinese cities, and with passports, under later treaties, may travel over that whole immense kingdom. Surely this also the Lord hath done!

Weeks and Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible R&S Place. Lessons. Roon's Phases, Aspects sl. rises sets of Planets, &c.		
Days.	Lessons. h. m. 3. 0. of Planets, &c. m.h. m.h. m.		
Wednesday 1 H. Voes	1 Thess. 4: 9 38 € 4 ♀ sets 9 24		
Thursday 2 Visit Vir. Mary			
Friday 3 Otto, Bishop	2 "1:2:1-12 10 42 4 © in Apeges 4 4 37 7 23 21		
Saturday 4 Independence	2 "5: 10 19 5 19 6 D b. b rises 10 0 44 37 7 23 20 1:2:13-3 11 10 19 24 sets 10 46 44 37 7 23 22		
27] 5th Sunday after Trinity,	Luke 5: 1-11; 1 Peter 3: 8-15. Day's Length, 14 hours, 44 min.		
Sunday 5 Lord Cobham	Gala. 1: 1-10 11 35 3 Q. 6 & O [9 44 44 38 7 22 23		
Monday 6 John Huss	Acts 18: 12; 10: 1-10 11 59 6th. Regulus sets 44 38 7 22 24		
Tuesday 7 Willibald	Galatians 1: 11; 2: 1-14 morn. 22 D in per. 24 sets 10 44 38 7 22 25		
Wednesday 8 Kilian	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14 12 23 24 13 12 rises 9 32 [34 54 39 7 21 26		
Thursday 9 Ephraim the Syr.	" 3: 15 12 54 26 g in Aphelion 54 39 7 21 27		
Friday 10 Wm. of Orange	" 4: 1 26 00 9 9 sets 9 16 54 40 7 20 28		
Saturday 11 Placidus	" 5:6: 2 5 \$\frac{1}{20} \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \		
28] 6th Sunday after Trinity,	Matth. 5: 20-26; Rom. 6: 3-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 38 min.		
Sunday 12 Henry II.	1 Cor. 1: 2 50 4 Rigel rises 3 45 6 5 4 41 7 19 30		
Monday 13 Eugenius	" 2: D sets. 16 13th. 6 D 8 54 417 19 J		
Tuesday 14 Bonaventura	" 3: 4: 1-4 8 25 29 6 Dy. Dog Days 54 427 18 2		
Wednesday 15 Answer	" 4: 5-5: 1-8 8 50 11 Spica sets 11 6 [begin 64 43 7 17 3		
Thursday 16 Anna Askow	" 4: 5-5: 1-8 8 50 11 Spica sets 11 6 [begin 64 437 17 3 5: 9-6: 9 28 23 6 9 2. 9 sets 9 10 64 437 17 4 64 447 16 5		
Friday 17 Speratus & 11 co.	"7: 9 50 5 5 b rises 9 2 64 447 16 5		
Saturday 18 Arnulf	"8:9: 10 12 7: 16 6 D 24. 24 sets 10 9 6 4 45 7 15 6		
29] 7th Sunday after Trinity,			
Sunday 19 Louisa Henri'tta	1 Cor. 10: 11 · 1 10 33 & 28 7* rises 12 18 64 45 7 15 7		
Monday 20 John Marteilhe	" 11: 2 10 54 3 10) in apo. 8. 64 46 7 14 8 12: 1-30 11 20 3 22 22 21. Arctur sets 1 18 64 47 7 13 9 22 Altair south 11 36 64 48 7 12 10 23 22 24 22 25 24 22 26 24 24 25 27 24 25 27 25 25 28 25 25 29 25 25 25 29 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25		
Tuesday 21 Eberhard	" 12: 1-30 11 20 3 22 21. Arctur sets 1 18 64 47 7 13 9		
Wednesday 22 Mary Magdalen	" 12: 31-13: morn. 5 Altair south 11 36 64 48 7 12 10		
Thursday 23 Godfr.v. Hamelle	" 14: 12 10 E 17 D Neptune O. Oen. & 64 49 7 11 11		
Friday 24 Thos. A. Kempis	" 10. 1-34 17 47 Mer 11 0 getg 9 7		
Saturday 25 St. James	" 15: 35-16: 1 20 14 3 \$ O Inferior 64 50 7 10 13		
30] 8th Sunday after Trinity, Matth. 7: 15-23; Rom. 8: 12-17. Day's Length, 14 hours, 18 min.			
Sunday 26 Christopher	Acts 19:11-20:1 2 24 & 28 24 sets 9 38		
Monday 27 Raym. Palmarius	2 Cor. 1: 1-22 3 29 E 13 Antares south 7 55 64 52 7 8 15		
Tuesday 28 Jno. Seb. Bach	" 1: 23-2 D rises. 28 28th. h rises 8 26 64 53 7 7 16		
Wednesday 29 Olang	" 3. 4. 16 8 28 6 12 2 1 D L 1 X A 64 547 617		
Thursday 30 John Wessel	" 4:7-5:10 9 10 28 Aldebaran rises 12 53 64 55 7 5 18		
Friday 31 Jno. Cas. Schade	" 4: 7-5: 10 9 10 28 Aldebaran rises 12 53 64 55 7 5 18 " 5: 11; 6: 7: 1 10 4 13 Regulus sets 8 4 64 56 7 4 19		
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(3) Mars is the 5th in conjunction with the Sun, and cannot be seen.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 6th day, 1 o'clock, 1 min. Afternoon.

New Moon, 13th " 11 " 26 " Forenoon.

First Quarter, 21st " 8 " 30 " Morning.

Full Moon, 28th " 11 " 41 " Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, warm, with showers; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, showers; 7, 8, 9, variable; 10, 11, clear; 12, 13, stormy; 14, 15, 16, fair; 17, 18, warm; 19, warmest day; 20, thunder; 21, 22, 23, clear; 24, 25, 26, fair; 27, 28, variable; 29, thunder showers; 30, 31, clear.



Then, too, a number of their most talented young men are now in this country, studying our art, science, literature, laws, customs, and religion.

A missionary in China states, that if the present ratio of conversion goes on as it has been going on for some years back, by the year 1900 the native Christians in China will number over two millions.

Also railroads are stretching their long lines over missionary ground. In Africa there are 1,000 miles. In Turkey and Greece, 700. In Australia, 1,100. In all Asia, more than 5,000. A railroad now connects Yokohama and Yeddo, Japan.

It is not surprising, therefore, that these external and material changes are also accompanied by a great inner change in these nations, and that whole districts of country are embracing the Christian faith. The last ten years show wonderful progress. For example, in India, ten years ago, there were only 139,000 Christians; now there are 224,000 (an addition of 60 per cent.)! (In the preceding copies of the Order of Worship.

ten years the increase was over fifty per cent.) In some districts the increase was as high as 400

In ten years the converts of the Baptist Mission rose from 23 to 6,000; those of the Methodists, from 300 to 1,800; those of the Reformed (Dutch) Church, from 800 to 2,400; of the Lutheran from 360 to 2,400. What is true of India is true also

of many other countries.

Considering all these things, and seeing not only the need of activity, but also the way so fully open, let the Reformed Church in the United States now begin anew her Foreign Mission work. Then with new meaning and spirit can we sing, "From Greenland's icy mountains."

NEW REFORMED PAPERS IN 1873.

In 1873 the following new papers were started: 1. "Our Church Paper," the organ of the Pittsburgh Synod, issued twice a month, and edited by Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D.

2. "The Heidelberg Teacher," a monthly, issued by the Publication Board of the Ohio Synod for

Sunday School teachers.

3. "Leaves of Light," a semi-monthly Sunday School paper, from the same source.
4. "College Days," a monthly, in the interest of Franklin and Marshall College.

5. "The Reformed Church Herald," edited by Rev. I. K. Loos and others, and published at Bethlehem, Pa.

MINISTERS.

The United Brethren Church has	870
The Moravian Church has	26
The Reformed (Dutch) Church has	509
The Reformed (German) Church has	595
The Presbyterian Church (North) has	4,534
The Presbyterian Church (South) has	875
The United Presbyterian Church has	584
The Cumberland Presbyterian Church has	1,085
The Roman Catholic Church has (about)	4,000
The Baptists (of various names) about	12,000
The Lutheran Church has	2,215
The Congregationalists have	3,168
The Episcopal Church has	2,953

Our Publication Board has sold almost 10,000

Weeks and Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Moon Moon's Phases, Aspects s. Sun Sun Sun R & S Place.		
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Saturday 1 Maccabees	2 Cor. 7: 2 10 30 28 Din per. 2 sets 8 52 \(\oplus \) 6 4 57 7 3 20		
31] 9th Sunday after Trinity,	Luke 16: 1-9; 1 Cor. 10: 6-13. Day's Length, 14 hours, 4 min.		
Sunday 2 Mar. under Nero			
Monday 3 Wm. Thorp Tuesday 4 Leonard Kaser	" 9: 11 24 27 \(\text{Q}\). \(\delta\) H \(\text{O}\). \(\delta\) to \(\delta\) 64 59 7 122		
Wednesday 5 Salzb'g Evang.			
Thursday 6 Transfiguration	" 12: 1-18 12 10 6 6 7* rises 11 7 65 26 58 25		
Friday 7 Nonna Saturday 8 Hormisdas	" 12: 19-13: 12 50 6 19 Sirius rises 4 29 65 36 57 26		
	Acts 20: 1–13 1 36 1 9 sets 8 44 5 5 4 6 56 27		
32] 10th Sunday after Trinity,			
Sunday 9 Numidicus Monday 10 Laurentius	Rom. 1: 1-17 2 32 24 24 sets 8 50 55 56 55 28		
Tuesday 11 Greg. of Utrecht	1. 10-01 0 00 max 20 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0		
Wednesday 12 An. of Havelb'g	" 3: 7 38 20 3 6 9 24 1 58 5 5 8 6 52 31		
Thursday 13 C'nt. Zinzendorf Friday 14 James Guthrie	4: 8 Z & Z Q gr. Elon. West 40 96 51 A		
Friday 14 James Guthrie Saturday 15 Virgin Mary	" 5: 1-11 8 30		
33] 11th Sunday after Trinity,			
Sunday 16 John of Saxony			
Monday 17 John Gerhard	" 7: 9 39 33 19 D in apo. 88. 45 14 6 46 5		
Tuesday 18 Hugo Grotius	" 8: 1-15 10 6 1 2 south 11 17 3 5 15 6 45 6		
Wednesday 19 Sebaldus Thursday 20 Bernard of Clair	" 8: 16-39 10 39 13 Sirius rises 3 44 3 5 17 6 43 7 9: 1-13 11 14 2 26 20th. 5 rises 3 56 3 5 18 6 42 8		
Friday 21 1st Mor. Miss.	" 9: 1-13 11 14 26 26 20th. 5 rises 3 56 3 5 18 6 42 8 Wega south 8 32 3 5 19 6 41 9		
Saturday 22 Symphorianus	" 10: 12 4 23 \$ in Perihelion. 6 \$ 5 3 5 20 6 40 10		
34] 12th Sunday after Trinity, Mark 17: 31-37; 2 Cor. 3: 4-11. Day's Length, 13 hours, 18 min.			
Sunday 23 Gasp. de Coligne			
Monday 24 Bartholomew Tuesday 25 Louis IX.	" 12: 1 59		
Wednesday 26 Ulfilas			
Thursday 27 Jovinian	4 15 1 10 2		
Friday 28 Aug. of Hippo Saturday 29 John Bapt. B'd	" 15: 14-33 7 37 37 37 37 37 38 6 7 7 7 16: 16: 8 6 7 7 7 16: 16: 16: 17 16: 17 16: 18: 17 16: 18: 18: 18: 18: 18: 18: 18: 18: 18: 18		
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Sunday 80 Claud. of Turin			
Monday 31 Aidan	Acts 20: 8 35 22 \Omega. Altair south 9 10 05 29 6 31 18 " 21: 9 25 \Omega 6 Orion rises 12 44 05 31 6 29 19		
(b) Saturn is the 3d in opposition with the Sun, and shines all night.			
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MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 4th day, 5 o'clock, 45 min. Evening.

New Moon, 11th "10 "58 "Evening.

First Quarter, 20th "1 "51 "Morning.

Full Moon, 27th "8 "26 "Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, thunder; 3, 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, warm; 8, 9, thunder showers; 10, 11, 12, fair; 13, 14, 15, sultry, warm; 16, thunder; 17, 18, pleasant; 19, 20, 21, 22, warm; 23, 24, thunder; 25, 26, fair; 27, thunder showers; 28, 29, clear; 30, 31, fair.



HOW MISSION CHURCHES WORK!

You must not suppose that Mission churches receive aid, and give nothing back. They are taught to practice self-denial and almsgiving from the beginning, and to dedicate their sons to the Ministry.

1) This is true of Foreign Mission Churches. Fifty-seven Baptist Churches of the Sandwich Islands support seventeen of their own men as Foreign Missionaries among the Marquesas Islands. The jubilee offerings of about 100 poor Chinese, belonging to an Episcopal Mission, were \$2,400. About 500 Christians on the Island of Magaia, in the Pacific Ocean, last year, sent the London Missionary Society about \$600, not in money but in arrow-root and fishing nets! In ten years this church sent out 34 missionaries to labor on other islands! So in regard to the Presbyterian Missions in China. The 1220 Christians in the Dutch-Reformed Mis-

sions of China, Japan and India, last year raised \$1600 for church work. The Christians in the Tinnevelly district of India are very poor, and never have money; but at their monthly Missionary meetings a collection is taken in rice. This in one

year, when sold, brought \$5000!

2) The same thing is equally true of Home Mission churches. The Commission from the Board directs the Missionary to train the people to liberality, especially in giving to Mission work. In this way they early begin to pay back to the Church part of the aid given. The last year or two, in many cases, the Mission gives back more than it receives; and when once self-supporting, it then has learned to give freely. So also, these churches are taught to give their sons to the Holy Ministry.

Some persons think this very strange. "If they are receiving aid, why shall they give alms to be sent away from their own congregation?"

Simply in order to train them to give. It may seem strange, but it is true, that even the Orphans in our Homes, who are almost entirely supported by the Church, give alms for Missions, Beneficiary Education, and other church work. (They give part of the money which visitors give them.) Some persons would call this folly; but the Church calls it wise and good.

Mission churches, orphans, everybody should be taught to exercise the Christian grace of alms-

giving.

In this way the Church receives back much of part now; but especially do these Mission churches pay back largely when they once become self-sustaining. From them and from our Orphan Homes many of our future Ministers will come.

OUR CHURCH IN FRANCE.

We there have 700 ministers; 1000 churches; 1200 schools; 500,000 members (of whom 20,000 are in Paris). "The French Reformed Church," says Our Church Paper, "is sometimes set down as one with the modern American Presbyterians. But in creed, cultus, government, origin, and history, they are more distinctly Reformed. This whole family is our side of the great Reformation."

Even the poorest sermon has one good pointthe text.

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MOON'S PHASES.

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 First Quarter,
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 Full Moon,
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CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, warm; 4, 5, thunder; 6, 7, 8, clear; 9, 10, 11, warm; 12, 13, showers; 14, 15, 16, pleasant; 17, 18, 19, warm; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, cloudy; 25, 26, stormy; 27, 28, 29, 30, fair.

A CHAPTER ON HOME MISSSIONS.

What is Home Mission work? Simply to organize congregations in our own country, and aid them with money until they become self-

supporting.

The strong must help the weak. What was it but this, when the poor Jews of Palestine were helped to rebuild Jerusalem? The whole Book of Acts is simply a missionary record! Paul was not supported by the Christians of Macedonia, but by those of Philippi (Phil. 4: 15, 16). Was not our own Church planted and supported in America by the Reformed Church in Holland (see "Life of Michael Schlatter")?

It is not just money that is now needed, but rather a missionary spirit, so that our people will give, not because they must, or because a powerful appeal has been made, but because

they know the great work to be done, and want

to do it.

Gratitude to God and our fathers should fill us with this missionary spirit. Your whole neighborhood, good reader, was at one time missionary ground, and somebody having the spirit of our Master, practiced self-denial, that the Church might there be established. Now that you have strong churches all around you, it does not become you to neglect the same wants of others in the South and West especially. Help them to establish the Church there, and they will spread it still farther

What has our Church done, of late years, in the work of Home Missions?

Compared with what the Church did thirty years ago, we have done much. There are ministers yet living, who remember the time when we had not five actual missionaries, and when all our missionary money was less than \$1000; though now our poorest Classes give as much.

This is encouraging; but let it not lessen our penitence for plain neglect, much less make us boastf or even satis-

fied.

The last report of the General Board of Missions gives the following facts: We have 80 missions, (with 125 congregations); 13 of them vacant. Of these mission congregations, 29 are in Pennsylvania, 41 West of it, and the rest in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and Canada; 15 are English, 44 German, and 21 have both English and German service. The report covers three years. In this time the

old Eastern Synod gave for Missions about \$18,000 —less than \$6,000 a year! Let a membership of 80,000 humbly say, "We have sinned!" Seven and a half cents per member to plant the Church of Christ in waste places! No wonder the Eastern Synod in October 1872 said: "This is not creditable to our Church!" Oh, for the spirit of our Lord, and of His Apostles, and of the Early Church,

to move us to faithfulness!

Behold, how much yet remains to be done! How loud the calls are, and from every quarter! Iowa alone needs much help. Virginia is a great ripe field. The Pacific Coast,—especially California calls upon us; to say nothing of a dozen other

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(2) Jupiter is the 5th in conjunction with the Sun, and cannot be seen.

MOON'S PHASES.

 Last Quarter,
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 Morning.

 New Moon,
 10th
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 Morning.

 First Quarter,
 18th
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 28
 Morning.

 Full Moon,
 25th
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 Morning.

 Last Quarter,
 31st
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 Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, rain; 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, 8, pleasant; 9, 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, 14, clear; 15, 16, 17, variable; 13, 19, rain; 20, 21, cloudy; 22, 23, 24, rain; 25, 26, 27, fair; 23, 29, rain; 30, 31, clear.



States, where we have many members and but few churches.

Not only our own people in these States call upon us for the gospel, but thousands of others. Have we nothing to do with the conversion of the world? We talk about "material" in this or that place, meaning our own members who have gone there; but souls are our material, whether they are in our Church or out of it. Very true, our own people are calling loudly from North, South, East, and West, "Send us ministers;" but to this call must be added also that of the world.

"But Home Missions cost so much money, and take so much time," says some one. Do you not know, that this is so with all great things? The Church, like the oak, is of slow growth, because it will endure forever.

Talk about expense and time! Why shall the Church be stingy in its great work, when the world is so free with its money? The Mont Cenis tunnel any church work or service.

through the mountains, separating France and Italy, cost 15 years labor, 1000 lives, and \$13,000, 000! The Suez Canal, connecting the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea, cost an almost countless sum, and was finished only after many years of frequent and serious hindrances. So the Niagara Ship Canal, six miles long, required two years labor, and \$15,000,000. So Railroads are built,

and other public enterprises.

Why can these earthly interests be so liberally sustained? Because men think it will pay; or else they want to benefit the world with their money. But will not Missions pay? Is it money lost, even as an investment, to Christianize a community? Have Christians so little interest in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, the King of kings, that they think too much money is spent on it? The cost of Foreign Missions in the whole world is not more than about \$7,000,000 a year. The cost of Home Missions is not much more. Yet men call this much! Does Christianity do less for the world than tunnels, bridges, canals, and railroads?

Our ministers and people need to study this subject carefully; get the facts; enter into the spirit of the work; and pay as well as pray "Thy kingdom come." Until then, by what right do we

sing Hymn 146th?

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

In the Heidelberg Catechism the Creed is not on a fly-leaf, nor at the end, nor in some other obscure place, as if we were ashamed of it, or as if it were a worn-out relic; but it is in the very heart of the Catechism, yea, itself its beating heart. So it is put, not in the First Part, to convict us of sin; nor in the Third Part, to teach us how to live; but in the Second Part, to teach us the way of salva-

ENCOURAGE THEM.

Some parents never have an encouraging word for their children, but rather the reverse. All this has a depressing, dwarfing effect, and destroys selfconfidence, without which the young are to be

Especially should parents beware of discouraging a child in regard to confirmation, the ministry, or

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MOON'S PHASES.

 New Moon,
 9th day, 12 o'clock, 32 min.
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 First Quarter, 16th
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 Full Moon,
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 " Afternoon.

 Last Quarter,
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 " Afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, pleasant; 4, 5, 6, Indian Summer; 7, 8, rain; 9, 10, 11, cloudy; 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, 16, 17, clear; 18, cloudy; 19, 20, 21, rain; 22, 23, 24, clear; 25, 26, rain and snow; 27, 28, 29, cold; 30, fair

THE OLD CHURCH PAPERS.

"I had some sad thoughts coming from the store to-night, wife," said farmer Bender. "The things I bought are wrapped up in an old Messenger of 1853, no doubt sold for wrappingpaper by people who did not appreciate it."

"Did you not object to it?"

"Yes, but the man said that nine out of ten do not keep their Messengers."

"But he did not tell you how many keep their political papers," said Mrs. Bender, with a significant nod of the head.

"Oh, these old church papers have too much history in them, too many sermons, good lessons, useful stories, and sweet poetry to be torn

up for waste paper. Ours are sacred to me, having been read by us all, and talked over day by day through the week."

"Yes, and then the children will read them in after years. Nothing can give them a better idea of what the Church was, and was doing—how she was troubled, and how she prospered—than these old Messengers."

"They make quite a pile now."

"Yes, and some people say they take up too much room. But if people can stow away old bed-steads, shoes, baskets, and other rubbish, surely there must be room also for the Church paper."

GET your Church paper. Buy Church books. Pay your minister regularly and fully. Hear all his preaching. Do as he tells you.



TOO MUCH FOR ONE DAY.

It may seem strange to hear it said, but we venture to say, that, in many cases, there is too much public service on the Lord's Day. Two sermons, Sunday School (perhaps two sessions), prayer meeting or Bible Class, or bothwhy, people are away from home almost the entire day. It kills family catechization, Bible-reading, and private meditation and devotion.

INDIAN SUMMER.

A lovely season—hazy, warm, quiet, dreamy, and peculiar, when the trees are in royal dress, and our hearts strangely affected. The cause is a mystery. Two theories are given:

1. Smoke from

burning matter. This is reasonable. Indian Summer is much shorter now than thirty or fifty years ago, because so much less land is cleared, and so much less matter burned.

2. The electrical currents do not carry off the lower strata of moist air. Hence the haze, produced by light shining through the moist air.

WHAT FOREIGN MISSIONS COST.

For example: the Harpoot Mission in Eastern Turkey, under the care of the "American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions," begun in 1855, and covering a district of 20,000 square miles, costs only \$8,000 a year—less than many a single city church costs. Many of these mission congregations become self-supporting, and are then left much to their own care.

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(9) Venus is the 9th Inferior conjunction with the Sun. Passes from Evening Star to Morning Star.

MOON'S PHASES.

 New Moon,
 8th day, 7 o'clock,
 5 min. Evening.

 First Quarter, 16th
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 Full Moon,
 22d " 11 " 55 " Evening.

 Last Quarter,
 30th " 9 " 34 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, mild; 4, 5, variable; 6, cloudy; 7, 8, 9, rain and snow; 10, 11, cloudy; 12, 13, fair; 14, 15, 16, clear, cold; 17, 18, 19, variable; 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, rain and snow; 24, 25, 26, clear, cold; 27, cloudy; 28, 29, variable, with snow; 30, 31, mild weather.

CHRISTMAS.

Let us with grateful and joyful hearts hear anew the glad tidings of the angel: "Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord;" and with all God's people join anew in the sweet song of the heavenly host, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men." With the wise men, too, let us worship and bow down before our Lord, bringing suitable offerings of devotion, praise, and adoration.

IT IS SPREADING.

Christmas used to be observed only by Reformed people, Lutherans, Episcopalians, and a few others; but of late years the Christmas spirit has crept into almost all the Protestant

Churches—first into the Sunday School, and then into the congregation. Christmas gifts, trees, sermons, and even decorations are now very common among those who, a few years ago, were either silent on the subject, or else bitterly opposed it as Romish. They now have come to see that it is wholesome, fitting, and Christian.

Some went out while the deacons lifted the alms. "That is right," said the minister; "those who have no money need not wait for the basket." No more went out.

WHEN you move to a new home, find your church at once, instead of waiting till the church finds you.



ADVENT.

The Church Year begins with the First Advent, and ends with the Second Advent. The second, like the first, is an article of faith and hope. "From thence He shall come again to judge the quick and the dead."

MAKING TOO MUCH OF CHRISTMAS.

Can it be done? Oh. yes; but the danger lies not on the side of Church-service, but of world-service. No dan-ger we shall sing, pray, preach, or meditate too much about the coming of our blessed Saviour in the flesh; but there is actual danger that we may eat and drink too much, be too much engaged with the lower Christmas pleasures of home and friends, that we may give too many gifts to each other, and too few to Christ and His poor!

Beware of this danger. There is much Christmas festivity and joy with no Christ in it. Let not our Church-service be pushed aside by worldservice. We have souls as well as bodies, and our Christmas must have worship in it as well as social engagements.

"WHAT a pity men should die!" said a man who had just built a fine new house. But rather, what a pity, if we had always to stay in such poor, perishing tabernacles like these!

Look over the list of books published by our Board of Publication, and then ask your pastor to send for what you ne

SYNOD OF THE REPORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The following table, exhibiting the time and place of the meetings of the Synod of Ohio, the names of its officers, and the number of Communicants in union with the Reformed Church within its bounds, was carefully prepared by Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, Miamisburg, Ohio. As the statistics for some years are somewhat imperfect, this table may not, in every purticular, be entirely correct, but it is sufficiently so for all practical purposes, and will be valuable for reference.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES.

- 1. The Synod of Ohlo, by an arrangement adopted in 1839, divided itself into three District Synods, and constituted itself a General Synod to meet every third year. Hence, as will be seen, it held no meetings in 1840 and 1841; but the District Synods, which convened annually, did neet in these years. This whole arrangement was abolished in 1842, and the system of dividing the Synod into Classes was adopted, and continued to the present time.
 - 2. The Ohio Synod, since its organization in 1824, convened four times in special sessions, namely :-April 18, 1850; December 14, 1850; December 5, 1854; and November 18, 1869.
 - 3. The official title of the Stated Clerk was that of Secretary from 1824 to 1829 inclusive, and from 1830 until 1844, that of Recording Secretary. In 1844 it was changed to that of Stated Clerk. There was no Corresponding Secretary elected until in 1830.
- 4. The apparent discrepancy, or abrupt diminution in communicants in the years 1858, 1867 and 1870, is owing to the fact that Clarion Classis in 1857, and Westmoreland Chasis in 1869, were dismissed respectively to the Synod in the United States and to the Pittsburg Synod; and in 1867 the Northwestern Synod was organized out of the Classes of St. Joseph, Indiana, Sheborgan, Heidelberg and Erie, previously belonging to the Synod of Ohio.
 - 5. The communicants of the German Independent Synod, existing from 1846 to 1852, a period of six years, are included in these statistics for those years.

NORTHWESTERN SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

COM WUNI- CANTS.	7,736 7,512 8,188 8,552 9,167 10,070 10,925
TREASURER.	Mr. John W. Brown
COR. SECRETARY.	tev William H. Fenneman " Peter Greding
STATED CLERK.	Port Wayne, Ind. Rev. Max Stern, D.D. Rev. John H. Klein. Rev. William H. Fenneman. Rev. Max Stern, D.D. Rev. Max Stern, D.D. Rev. William H. Fenneman. Rev. Milliam H. Fenneman. Re
PRESIDENT.	National National
PLACE OF MEETING.	Fort Wayne, Ind
TIME OF MEETING.	1807 May 29

PITTSBURG SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

COMMUNI- CANTS.	7,142 7,773 8,065 8,158
TREASURER.	Mr. W. E. Schmertz
COR. SECRETARY.	kev. J. G. Shoemaker
STATED CLERK.	ev W. E. Krebs
PRESIDENT.	28v. F. K. Levan
TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.	1870, February 11.* Pittsburg, Pa. Bev. F. K. Levan Rev. W. E. Krebs. Rev. J. G. Shoemaker Mr. W. E. Schmertz. 1870, November 2 Buffalo, N. Y. W. E. Shoemaker M. C. E. B. Leasure. C. E. B. Leasure. C. E. B. Leasure. C. E. E. Leasure. C. E. E. Leasure. C. E.

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

MEMBERS.	107.394 109 925 117,910 130,299
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TREASURER.	John Wiest Wm. D. Gross
COR. SECRETARY.	key, G. W. Williard, D.D. Geo, B. Russell J. O. Miller
STATED CLERK. COR. SECRETARY.	Rev. I. H. Reiter
PRESIDENT.	Rev. J. W. Nevin, D.D
TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.	1663. November 18. Pittsburg, Pa. Rev. J. W. Novin, D.D. Rev. I. H. Reiter. Rev. G. W. Williard, D.D. John Wiest. 89, 34, 46, 46, 47, 47, 47, 47, 47, 47, 47, 47, 47, 47

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East Pennsylvania.		May 12	th, 1874.
Lebanon	Pine Grove, Pa	May 28	th, 1874.
Philadelphia	St. Matthew's Church, Pa	June 7t	h, 1874.
Wosnennoppen	Amityville, Pa	May 7t	
New York	Bresleu, Long Island	May 26	th, 1874.
Hard Caranahanan	New Providence, Pa	M y 28	th, 1874.
East Susquenanna	Uniontown, Pa	May 7tl	
West Susquenanna	Boalsburg, Pa	Мяу 20	
Philadelphia (German)	Zion's Church, Philadelphia	Septem	per 15th, 1874.
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Clarion	Petersburg, Pa	May 21:	st, 1874.
St. Paul's	Shenango Charge, Pa	May 28	th, 1874.
West New York.			
Allegheny	Wilkensburg, Pa	May 15	th, 1874.
Somerset	Cumberland, Md	May 28	th, 1874.
Zion's	Abbotstown, Pa	May 15	th, 1874.
Maryland	Manchester, Md	June 4t	h, 1874.
Mercersburg	Everett, Pa	June 4t	h, 1874.
Virginia	St. John's Church, Augusta Co., Va.	May 5t	
North Carolina	Lower Stone Church, N. C	May 7t	b. 1874.
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Obsisting World Messenger	. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa	Weekly	1827.
Defensed World	. 176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio		1848.
Reformed Missionary	. Vinton, Benton Co., Iowa	Monthly	1860.
The Guardian	. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa		1850.
United Treasury	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	Semi-monthly	1859.
Mercersburg Review		Quarterly	1849.
Our Church Paper	.84 Third Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa	Every other week	1873.
Reformed Church Herald	Bethlehem, Pa	Monthly	1873.
College Days	Lancaster, Pa.		1873.
Heldelberg Teacher	.1176 Elm Street Cincinnati Ohio	46	1873.
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NAME.	LOCATION.		PRESIDENTS.
	Lancaster, Pa		
Heidelberg College	Tiffin, Ohio		LITARD. D. D.
Catawba College	Newtown, N. C		APP, A.M.
Mercersburg College	Newtown, N. C	E. E. HIGBE	E, D. D.
Clarion Collegiate Institute	Rimersburg, Clarion County, Pa	REV. J. J. PE	NNEPACKER, A.M.
Palatinate College	Meverstown Lebanon County Pa	REV G W	HIGHINRAHIGH D D
Juniata Collegiate Institute		REV. LUCIA?	CORT. A. M.
Ursinus College	Martinsburg, Pa	J. H. A. BOM	BERGER. D. D.
Calvin Institute	Cleveland, Ohio	REV. F. FOR	WICK.

NAME.	LOCATION.	PRESIDENTS.
Franklin and Marshall College	Lancaster, Pa.	JOHN W. NEVIN. D. D.
Heidelberg College	Tiffin, Ohio	GEO. W. WILLIARD, D. D.
Catawba College	Newtown, N. C	REV. J. C. CLAPP. A. M.
Mercersburg College	Mercersburg, Pa	E. E. HIGBER D. D.
Clarion Collegiate Institute	Rimersburg, Clarion County, Pa	REV. J. J. PENNEPACKER, A.M.
Palatinate College	Meyerstown, Lebanon County, Pa	REV. G. W. AUGHINBAUGH, D. D.
Juniata Collegiate Institute	Martinsburg, Pa	REV. LUCIAN CORT. A. M.
Ursinus College	Collegeville, Montgomery County, Pa	J. H. A. BOMBERGER, D. D.
Calvin Institute	Cleveland, Ohio	REV. F. FORWICK.
Blairstown Academy	Blairstown, Benton County, Iowa	
Shelby College	Shelbyville, Illinois	REV. S P. MEYERS
Eastern Theological Seminary	Lancaster, Pa	E. V. GERHART D. D
Western Theological Seminary	Tiffin, Ohio	J. H. GOOD, D. D.
Mission House	Howard's Grove, Wisconsin	J. BOSSARD, D. D.
Allentown Female College	Allentown, Pa	REV. W. R. HOFFORD A M
St. John's Select School.	Knoxville, Md	REV. G. L. STALEY, D. D.

ORPHAN HOMES OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	NUMBER OF ORPHANS.
Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa Butler, Butler County, Pa	Rev. D. B. Albright	95 45

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WILLIAM A. GOOD	32 1833 27		February 22d, 1873	72
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PETER S. FISHER	325 1826 442 1842 33 1833	Sellersville, Pa	Aug. 22d, 1873	

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

This Society is by far the oldest of the benevolent institutions of the Reformed Church in this country. It was incorporated in the year 1810, by a charter from the State of Pennsylvania, but it was in actual operation long before. As early, as the year 1790, the records state, that "the members of Synod several years before did covenant and agree to pay the Treasurer forty shillings each year" for what was called the "Widows' Fund." Official documents also show, that the Synod kept up such a fund for many years before, probably from the beginning of our history as a Church in this country. Before the Revolution, the Synods of North and South Holland, which superintended the affairs of our churches, frequently sent contributions, called "gifts of love," to the Widows' Fund, with the understanding, that it should be increased by

The moneys thus received, were generally paid out to the widows of deceased ministers, as circumstances seemed to require; and no attempt was made to create a permanent fund to meet the increasing wants of the Church in this direction, until

meet the increasing wants of the church in this direction, until a comparatively recent period.

Within the last fifteen or twenty years, under judicious management, its funds have been steadily increasing, and the sphere of its beneficence enlarged. By a change in its charter it now assists disabled ministers, no less than the widows of those deceased. At present two disabled ministers and eight widows of deceased ministers receive a yearly appropriation of \$50 each. The invested fund now amounts to \$11,870. Five years ago it was only \$6,400.

The Society presents at each annual meeting of the Eastern Synod, a statement of its affairs, which is then incorporated in the Synodical Minutes. For several years past the Synod has requested its congregations to lift a collection for the Society in the month of June. Last year only about fifty charges did so.

The funds of the Society are increased, therefore, from four sources:—"initiation fees; annual fees; the above named collections; and the interest of the invested funds."

The initiation fee is \$5.00; the yearly dues are \$3.00; a

life-membership costs \$65.00.
Copies of Charter and By-Laws will be cheerfully furnished by the Treasurer, Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.

THE WOMELSDORF ORPHAN HOME.

Its corporate title is "The Orphans' Home of the Shepherd Its corporate title is "The Orphans' Home of the Shepherd of Lambs." It was founded and opened by Rev. Emanuel T. C. Beeringer, September 21st, 1863, with one orphan, and a treasury of \$21.50. In four months it had twelve inmates. In July, 1864, a larger house having been bought, it was removed to Bridesburg, Pa.. with thirty inmates. In October Rev. Beeringer died, and for two years Rev. John Gantenbein was Superinte dent. After him, for two years, Rev. D.Y. Heisler. In November, 1867, the Home was removed to Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., a more healthy and accessible location, where the

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Board of Managers purchased 27 acres of ground, on which is a brick building 120 feet by 50, having 60 rooms, besides the atttic. Some time after its removal, the Rev. D. B. Albright succeeded

Mr. Heisler, as Superintendent.

This cost \$33,000. Add interest and the cost of repairs, and the amount is \$40,000, all of which was paid by July, 1871 (besides \$40,000 more for the daily support of the Home)!

The Home is under a Board of thirteen Managers, who elect

the Superintendent. The children are instructed in German and English, and receive a good English education as well as thorough Christian indoctrination. The Board has control of girls to eighteen, and boys to twenty-one. Often they are put out into Christian families, to trades or work, but provision is made for their education and Christian instruction.

One hundred children are now in the Home. It costs something over \$10,000 a year to feed and clothe them. The farm itself yields almost \$1,000. Are you doing what you should to

support the Home? The Home h is had one trouble of late years, namely, to furnish work enough for its boys, who are now growing up. They need to be trained to industry as well as to prayer. Accordingly the Board of Managers lately bought a farm of about sixty acres, beside the Home, at a cost of about \$11,000. They had no money; but they are sure the Church, seeing that this was necessary, will pay for the farm as she cheerfully paid for the Home. Send in your help promptly.

HOW OUR OLD MINISTERS WERE EDUCATED.

The Eastern Theological Seminary was not founded until 1825. Before that time, and even in part for some years after, young men were educated for the ministry in the families of ministers, who, besides this, had the care of several large congregations.

In this way, Rev. Dr. C. L. Becker, of Baltimore, educated his son, J. C. Becker, James Reily, William Dechant, Philip Mayer, Jacob Geiger, Nicholas P. Hacke, Henry Habliston, and others.

Rev. Dr. Samuel Helffenstein educated his own sons, besides Isaac Gerhart, J. Wm. Hamm, Martin Brunner, Jacob Meyer and Henry Gerhart.

Under Rev. Dr. Jacob C. Becker were educated his two sons, Charles and Cyrus, H. Koch, Simon Riegel, Diedrich Willers, Samuel Hess and others.

So Dr. F. L. Herman educated his sons for the ministry, P. S. Fisher, J. C. Guldin, R. S. Schneck, and others.

The ministers educated in this private way were generally men of great endurance and perseverance. Most of them have been very successful in their sacred work.

Now such private instruction is seldom necessary, as we have several Theological Seminaries.

The Article on "Excuses for Neglecting the Lord's Table" in last year's Almanac should have been credited to the London Tract Society.

ALPHABETICAL REGISTER OF THE MINISTERS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

Abbott, G.N., Prof., Mercersb'g, Frankl'n Co., Pa. Bressler, N. E., Fisherville, Dauphin Co., Pa. Accola, O. J., Dayton, Ohio. Addams, Geo. E., Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa. All right, D. B., Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa. Alspach, J. W., Shanksville, Somerset Co., Pa. Appel, Dr. Theodore, Prof., Lancaster, Pa. Appel, R. S., Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa. Apple, J. H., Saegertown, Crawford Co., Pa. Apple, Dr. T. G., Prof., Lancaster, Pa. Arduesser, John, Linton, Greene Co., Ind. Ashenfelter, O. L., Bridgeport, N. J. Aughinbaugh, Dr.G.W., Meyerstown, Leb. Co., Pa. Ault, J., Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa. Aurand, Henry, Warren, Joe Davis Co., Ill.

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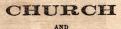
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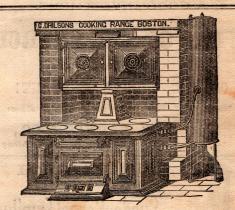
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